



Protecting the investments you make in your business

A new partnership between BITCO Insurance Companies and the National Equipment Register helps protect your heavy equipment from loss.

When you select BITCO as your insurance carrier, you get more than the financial security afforded by an insurance carrier who is rated "A+; Superior" by A.M. Best. You also get access to BITCO's committed group of underwriting, risk control and claims professionals who specialize in meeting the needs of businesses just like yours.

The equipment you use to operate your business represents a significant financial investment. In addition to the direct costs you incur to purchase equipment, you also face several indirect costs in the event that your equipment is stolen or not available for use. Delays in the completion of projects, increased equipment rental fees and potential damage to your business reputation can pose real concerns.

With recent crime statistics indicating that the theft of construction equipment is a growing and costly problem across the nation, can you afford to not address the possible theft of your equipment? Properly storing and securing your equipment on your business premises, in transit and on job sites is only part of the solution.

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A new partnership between BITCO Insurance Companies (BITCO) and the National Equipment Register (NER) has the potential to not only recover stolen equipment quickly when theft occurs, but also reduce the net costs of covered theft losses when they occur.

Registering with NER's online database, HELPtech (Heavy Equipment Loss Prevention Technology), allows you to add your equipment to the same database that law enforcement officials utilize nationwide.

As a client of HELPtech, you receive the following:

- A supply of weatherproof decals that can be attached to your equipment to serve as theft deterrent.
- Real-time theft alerts sent to thousands of other program participants and law enforcement on your behalf that can help assist with the recovery of your stolen equipment.
- The ability to purchase additional IRONcheck® searches which can help ensure that used equipment you are considering purchasing is not reported as stolen.*
- Secure password protected online registration and inventory management.
- Discounts on tracking devices to help facilitate recovery of lost equipment.

**Additional costs apply to IRONcheck® service.*

A very important benefit of participating in this program is if your equipment is registered with NER prior to a theft, and reported to law enforcement officials, BITCO will waive the theft deductible (up to \$10,000).

How it works

HELPTech helps stop stolen backhoe bound for Mexico

A customs and border patrol officer in Laredo, TX was suspicious of a Case 580M Backhoe about to be brought into Mexico. The officer called NER for assistance after he had checked law enforcement databases and was unable to locate a theft report.

Although NER did not have a theft report for this machine either, the name and telephone number of the owner was found in the HELPTech database. The owner was contacted and had been unaware of a theft. He confirmed the backhoe was his and should not be transported to Mexico.

With this information, the officer had cause to halt the export and seize the backhoe. Once a police report was filed, the backhoe was released to its rightful owner.

In addition to these benefits, you will also get access to a number of other valuable NER resources that provide education about emerging trends in the theft of equipment and more effective ways to prevent theft. **As a BITCO policyholder, you can register your equipment at the discounted price (annually) as follows: \$200 up to 50 units; \$360 for 51 - 150 units; \$600 for 151 - 1,000 units; and \$800 - 1,000+.**



To register for the HELPTech program, visit NER.net, click on the HELPTech link, and create an account. Be sure to indicate that you have your insurance with BITCO Insurance Companies. Discount code is *BTC23*.

If you encounter difficulties registering or entering information pertaining to your equipment, contact NER at 1-866-663-7872.

